

Official Diary

29 December 1952, Monday

1. At the Director's morning meeting, DCI indicated that he had agreed to the JCS nominee for chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee which is to prepare the summary evaluation paper, namely Idwal Edwards of the Air Force. DCI instructed Amory to carry forward on the details with Admiral Laylor or whoever else might be designated by the JCS. Amory later ascertained that General Lemnitzer had been designated by the JCS and arranged for a meeting with Lemnitzer on Tuesday.

2. After chatting with Amory and reviewing the summary of diary entries prepared for my return, chatted with the following:

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3. In response to DCI's request for a summary of impressions on the trip at the morning meeting, I mentioned the following:

- a. The quality of our personnel overseas was, on the whole, impressive and compared favorably with those in Washington.
- b. There was a distressing lack of information available in the field. The need for information did not always consist of highly classified material and included such common items as newspapers, magazine articles and indications of intelligence thinking in Washington.
- c. Conversely, there was much intelligence information available in the field which was not getting back to the intelligence offices in Washington. My experience had convinced me that there was a crying need for intelligence coordination in the field.
- d. There had been a failure to distinguish between operational stations and those which were primarily set up for liaison purposes. As to the latter, our people were confining themselves [redacted] type contacts, whereas much higher level intelligence evaluation units desired to enter into relations with CIA intelligence components. When asked where liaison opportunities existed, I mentioned [redacted]

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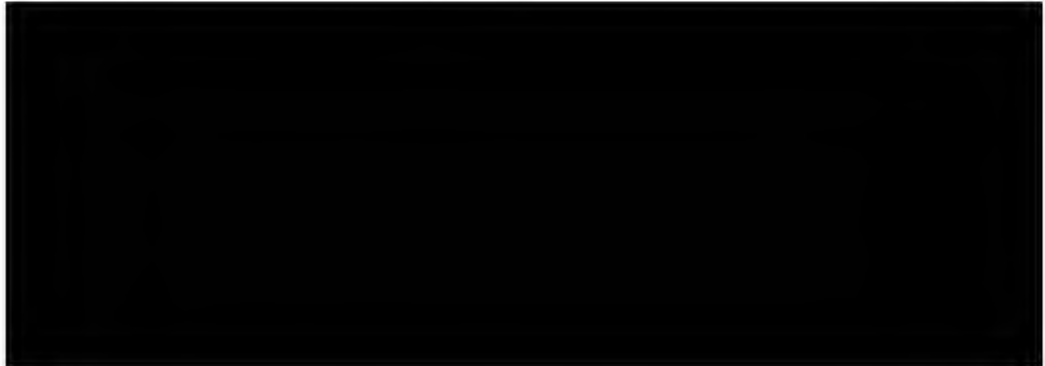
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e. I commented that the overall regional Senior Representative concept, as illustrated by the position of [REDACTED] and 25X1A9a 25X1A9a [REDACTED] respectively, was not only sound but would have to be extended to cover other regional areas. I felt that sooner or later we would recognize the need for decentralization.

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g. Following the meeting I chatted briefly with the DCI on various over-all agency matters and also informed him that I planned to make one or more detailed written reports on my reactions and recommendations.



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